

BRAC a major topic during ADC Winter Forum

Highlights:

- * Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Winter Forum
- * BRAC construction causes changes at Brooke Army Medical Center
- * Wright-Patterson AFB paves the way for missing moving from Brooks City-Base
- * Dermatology clinics merge as part of BRAC
- * Brooke Army Medical Center workers make adjustments for parking construction

SAN ANTONIO JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE (SAJPO) -- More than 500 people from U.S. communities, the military and the private sector attended the 2009 Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Winter Forum in San Antonio February 9-11 at the Hyatt Hotel on the Riverwalk.

One session during the Forum focused on Base Realignment and Closure or BRAC implementation in San Antonio. The panel consisted of Mark Frye, Managing Director at BearingPoint, Dr. Clarence "CEM" Maxwell, Deputy Director of the San Antonio Joint Program Office, Robert Murdock, Director, Office of Military Affairs and Michael Novak, Chairman of the BRAC Military Transformation Task Force.

The panel provided attendees an overview of the primary BRAC actions affecting San Antonio, the military's approach to managing them, and the successful partnership that has been formed by the military and the San Antonio Community. They answered

questions and also provided interviews to San Antonio media representatives.

The Association of Defense Communities is a voice for communities and states with a significant military presence. ADC's 1,200 members unite the diverse interests of communities, state government, the private sector, and the military on issues of base closure, community-military partnerships, defense real estate, mission growth, mission sustainment, military privatization, and redevelopment/realignment.



A BRAC "Media Day" happened in conjunction with the BRAC implementation session. Dr. "CEM" Maxwell speaks with San Antonio reporters Feb. 10 about the state of BRAC and its continuing impact.

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Military Transformation Task Force Chairman Michael Novak highlights the MTTF's mission.

BRAC construction divides BAMC campus

SAN ANTONIO MEDICAL BRAC INTEGRATION OFFICE (SAMBIO) --

The San Antonio Military Medical Center – North BRAC project will split the Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) campus in two as a result of the construction zone or bubble erected by the contractor. Beginning on February 11, 2009 a portion of George C. Beach Ave. will close to through traffic and the Emergency Room entrance will be relocated.

Patients and visitors needing access to the Fisher Houses, Powless Guest House, the

Warrior Family Support Center, the Center for the Intrepid, the Marine/Naval Reserve Center, Warrior Battalion and Company Headquarters, BAMC Warrior in Transition barracks, and BAMC inpatient services should enter the campus at the Binz-Engleman gate. Ambulances transporting patients must also enter at the Binz-Engleman gate.

Patients coming for outpatient clinical appointments, non-ambulance emergency and urgent care services, carpools, and vendors should enter at the I-35 gate. Emergency room walk-ins must enter

through the outpatient medical mall entrance and follow the signs to the emergency department.

Both entrances to the hospital and gates will be open 24 hours, 7 days a week, for hospital access.

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Wright-Patterson AFB prepares for Brooks City-Base mission



Historic building renovation

by Daryl Mayer
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District office has awarded an \$18,539,000 million contract to a joint venture of two Dayton-based companies, Butt Construction and Aztec Electric Inc., to renovate two historical structures, buildings 12 and 17, located in Area B of Wright-Patterson AFB.

The facilities will become home to the 77th Aeronautical Systems Group currently located at Brooks City-Base in Texas and moving to Wright-Patterson under the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005.

The project is to be finished in approximately 18 to 20 months. When complete, the two facilities will offer an additional 100,000 square feet of administrative and functional workspace.

The 77th AESG is the unit charged with providing advanced performance, survival, and force protection capabili-

ties to US and allied air, ground, and naval forces through development, production, and sustainment of human-centered systems which include life support; nuclear, biological and chemical defense; aeromedical services; AF uniforms; mishap analysis; force health and fitness; and medical information systems. The 77th AESG reports to the 77th Aeronautical Systems Wing under the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patt.

"We like to say that the 77th AESG supports every airman, every day," said Col. Daryl Hauck, 77th AESW commander. "Locating this unit in proximity to other Aeronautical Systems Center and Air Force Research Laboratory units will provide great synergy in delivering even better products to the warfighter."

The facilities themselves are both some of the oldest and most interesting from an architectural viewpoint on the base.

Completed in 1929, building 17 is a red brick two-story structure with a low-pitched gabled roof, wide copper entablature and rectangular columns with concrete capitals and typifies early Wright Field architecture. It originally housed the Aircraft Radio Laboratory and has been vacant for the last 7 years.

The other facility, building 12, is truly the architectural gem of the pair. It was designed by Dayton architects Albert and

Freeman Pretzinger in the Art Deco style and funded by the Public Works Administration, a New Deal program that was part of the National Industrial Recovery Act. It was completed in 1935 and was for a while home to the Army Aeronautical Museum. Among its many features, the front facade is punctuated by two massive aluminum doors each displaying an imposing, stylized eagle with a large chevron emblazoned upon its chest. Until recently, the facility was being used for office space.

"Being able to reuse these architectural treasures is a story that strikes right to the real purpose of BRAC, which is reorganizing and consolidating to more effectively use our resources," said Jacques Fisher, 88th Air Base Wing BRAC director. "As we are improving the ability of the 77th AESW to function as a cohesive unit, we are also making better use of existing structures. In addition, with this project we are bringing more business to the area, so the local community benefits too."

The contract calls for the facilities to receive upgraded electrical systems, new force protection features, asbestos removal, lead paint abatement and improved energy efficiency along with general cosmetic improvements, according to Louis Zavakos, 88th Civil Engineer Squadron.



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Dermatology Clinic consolidation continues



by Col. Sandra Osswald --
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The Dermatology clinics at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) and Wilford Hall Medical Center (WHMC) begin Phase 2, re-structuring again as part of the Base Realignment and Closure process to form new, more consolidated SAMMC Dermatology clinics located at WHMC in mid-February 2009.

"This move supports the continued BRAC renovation and construction projects that will provide continued quality care to our beneficiaries in state of the art facilities," explained Col. Michael Murchland, SAMMC Dermatology Service Chief. The majority of Dermatology

services will be at WHMC which will offer outpatient Dermatology appointments to all military beneficiaries and will include clinical services, Pediatric Dermatology, procedural Dermatology, Mohs surgery, LASER therapy, Phototherapy and Patch testing. Inpatient services will continue to be available at both WHMC and BAMC. Only a part time provider will remain at BAMC with availability for a small number of outpatients, and new outpatient appointments will be limited to active military members assigned to Fort Sam Houston. Phototherapy services will continue to be offered at BAMC subject to space availability.

WHMC currently houses Dermatology in two separate areas, 1A and 1G. Starting in

Feb 09, the SAMMC Dermatology clinic will no longer be located on 1G. The clinics will be located on floors 1 and 2 of Wilford Hall's A wing, 1A and 2A.

Appointments can be made through CAMO at 916-9900. Patients who have other questions or concerns should call the clinic phone number at 292-DERM (3376) for assistance. Patients are encouraged to verify the location of their appointments for this service when making appointments, particularly as there are several Dermatology locations. For more information about medical BRAC issues, access the SAMMC web site

www.sammc.amedd.army.mil/

Staff at BAMC take shuttles to make way for new parking structure

by Kari Thresher
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BRAC law, which calls for the relocation of the inpatient medical function of Lackland Air Force Base's 59th Medical Wing to Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), will bring thousands more employees and students to the already congested campus as it transitions into the San Antonio Military Medical Center - North. To prepare the hospital for this transition, contractors will build a 5,000-space parking structure.

To facilitate the construction of the garage, the consolidated tower and central energy plant on the campus, the construction company is establishing a construction "bubble" and temporarily eliminating about 2,300 parking spaces. This parking loss created the need for a satellite parking program. BAMC personnel are now

parking in lots on Fort Sam Houston and being bused to work. This program will be operational until the garage is complete in early 2011.

The bubble will close portions of lots B, C, and G and completely close lot E. Lot F is "Carpool only" and what remains of lot G is open to vendors and visitors only. For BAMC patients there will be no reduction to the 1,209 standard spaces and 198 handicapped spaces available for their use.

The first shuttles begin running at 5 a.m. from the Binz-Engleman lot, also known as the Archery lot; 5:20 a.m. from the PAL lot; 6 a.m. from the PX lot; 6:20 a.m. from Southbeach I lot, and 6:30 a.m. from Southbeach II lot and the Stanley Road lot. Buses boarded at BAMC make stops at every lot, with the exception of express

buses to Stanley Lot leaving the Medical Mall entrance in the afternoon. Between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., buses do not run on a schedule, but staff can call a shuttle through the BAMC Provost Marshall Office (PMO) at 916-7000.

Staff may park on the BAMC campus Monday through Friday between 4 p.m. and 5 a.m., as well as weekends and holidays. The only exceptions to mandatory satellite parking are staff with handicapped or disabled veteran plates, carpoolers, motorcycle and bicycle riders, and personnel with medical appointments.

The bus schedule, satellite parking maps, and a list of frequently asked questions are available on the SAMMC website:

<http://sammc.amedd.army.mil/>
under SAMMC News.





Last Month in BRAC News

BRAC NEWS STORIES POSTED ON THE SAJPO PORTAL

01.30.2009 -- Council, Planning Board discuss BRAC - Xenia Gazette, OH
 01.23.2009 -- Construction Closures Continue - TxDOT
 01.22.2009 -- Green is keen at Port San Antonio - SA Express News
 01.20.2009 -- Construction Closure Update - TxDOT
 01.16.2009 -- Military Moves - SA Express News
 01.15.2009 -- S.A. revises lengthy wish list - SA Express News
 01.15.2009 -- Construction Closures Scheduled - TxDOT
 01.13.2009 -- Thousands Get Ready to Move to S.A. - WOAI
 01.12.2009 -- Major construction contract awarded at Fort Sam Houston
 01.09.2009 -- New programs may keep SAFB numbers up - Times Record News
 01.08.2009 -- BRAC could be economic prize for San Antonio - SA Express News
 01.02.2009 -- San Antonio to hire more BRAC staffers - SA Business Journal

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Upcoming Events

Event	POC	Date
MTTF Meeting	James Henderson	2/18/2009
EIOB-M Advisors	Ron Rogers	2/18/2009
EIOB-M/EIOB-JB	Ron Rogers	2/24/2009
SAJPO Communications Team Meeting	Ron Rogers	2/26/2009

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